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1. Adolfo Klaere, a former active German Nazi, returned to Ecuador on 12 August 1948 from Germany where he has been connected with the Freies Deutschland group.
2. Klaere was one of the first Germans to join the Nazi Party and immediately rose to a position of importance. At the beginning of the Second World War, Klaere left Ecuador for Germany, where he became an active member of the "Organization Ost" (sic). This organization supplied civilians with lucrative positions operating conquered Soviet industries. When the German debacle became evident, Klaere tried to escape, but was taken prisoner by the Russians. It is not presently known how he obtained passage to Ecuador on the SS SEBASTIANO CABOTO, an Italian ship.
3. Ernesto Panse, former Nazi paymaster in Ecuador, who accompanied Klaere on his return trip to Ecuador, accuses him of having "sold out to the Soviets". Klaere had a very unsavory reputation in Ecuador and a notorious record in Germany. He was born in Bremen in 1884 and arrived for the first time in Ecuador in 1912.

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